

HCS HBs 190 & 208 -- COMMUNITY COLLEGE POLICE OFFICERS

SPONSOR: Conway (104)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 14 to 0.

Currently, the board of regents or board of governors of any state college or university may establish regulations to control vehicular traffic on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the state college or university. This bill adds the board of trustees of any community college to the list of entities that may establish such regulations.

The bill requires college police officers, before appointment, to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 590, RSMo, either by completing a training for peace officers or by virtue of previous experience or other training.

The bill specifies that college police officers also will have authority to establish and enforce regulations to control vehicular traffic and enforce general motor vehicle laws of this state on any thoroughfare owned or maintained by the college district.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this bill will simply allow community colleges to do what universities and colleges can do in regard to campus police and vehicle regulations. It also updates outdated language of police training to be in compliance with today's standards.

Testifying for the bill was the Missouri Community College Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

This bill is the same as HB 1401 (2016).